

# AMERICAN GUNNERS PULVERIZED GERMAN TRENCHES IN BIG DUEL

## THE "AMERICAN 75'S" CAVED IN LONG SECTION OF DEFENSES

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#### GERMAN BARBED WIRE BADLY TORN AWAY

#### The Damage to American Trenches Was Repaired in a Single Night—Location of the American Front Is Revealed

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Feb. 3.—(By Associated Press).—The American officers are elated over the results of the first artillery duel between American and German gunners Saturday night. Infantry commanders, in their official reports to-day, paid tribute to the promptness with which the artillery responded to the call for a barrage.

Aerial reconnaissance to-day showed that the American gunfire had a very destructive effect, and it will require several nights of hard work under artillery fire for the Germans to repair their first line trenches caved in by the American 75's and to patch the gaps in the barbed wire. The damage to the American trenches will be repaired before to-morrow morning.

A German barrage fire Saturday night opened the heaviest bombardment of many days along the American sector, and the American artillery replied with a barrage of its own.

Two Americans were killed, nine were wounded and one suffered from shell shock.

Heavy mists again overhung the American sector to-day, and there was little artillery work and no aerial activity.

Announcement was permitted by the censor Saturday night that the American troops are occupying a sector on the Lorraine front.

#### SEC. BAKER ADMITS AMERICAN FORCES ARE ON ACTUAL FRONT

He Declares the Belief That the Allies Have a Preponderance in Both Men and Guns on That Front.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Warning the nation not to let the reports of internal disturbances in Germany slacken in the war preparations, Secretary of War Baker in his weekly military review also makes the official announcement that American troops are holding a portion of the actual front. He declares it is fully believed that the allies have a preponderance of men and guns on the western front.

#### SECRETARY BAKER'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Secretary Baker's recent statements to the Senate military committee that the United States would have half a million soldiers in France early this year and that prospects were not unpromising for ships to carry a million, who would be ready during the year, were characterized by Senator Hitchcock in an address in the Senate to-day as "absolutely preposterous and so exaggerated as to convey an entirely false impression as to what we can do and what we are doing."

He declared that Baker doubtless was sincere but was misled by the lack of information regarding the scarcity of ships.

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#### STEAMER HELPLESS OFF NEW ENGLAND

Call for Assistance Resulted in Government Ordering Vessels to Her Assistance.

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 4.—A call for help was received to-day from an American steamer which ran ashore off the New England coast last night. Government vessels were ordered to her assistance.

Coast guardsmen who went out to the steamer reported her as resting easily and in no immediate danger.

#### COAL DELIVERY OPENS IN BOSTON

Embargo Against Office Buildings, Stores and Factories Was Lifted on Sunday.

Boston, Feb. 4.—The embargo on the delivery of coal to office buildings, stores and factories here was lifted yesterday, after being in force since Wednesday. Dealers were swamped with orders. At the same time, the embargo on coal by rail and water was improved, but the shortage is not yet past.

#### NEW WAGES AT QUINCY. CUTTERS ARE GIVEN \$4.80 PER DAY BEGINNING APRIL 1.

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 4.—A threatened break between the Granite Cutters' International association, which includes granite cutters, polishers and tool sharpeners, and the Granite Manufacturers' association of Quincy, has been averted by concessions on the part of the manufacturers.

On April 13, 1916, a bill of prices was arranged between these two associations to run for four years, or to 1920. A few weeks ago the employees made a request for higher wages, in view of the high cost of living, although admitting that they could be held under the provisions of the contract which they were working.

The matter was taken under consideration by the manufacturers, who now have reached an agreement whereby the employees in the three lines are to have an increase in their pay of 10 cents per hour for an eight-hour day, making the per diem pay \$4.80. This new agreement will date from the first of the coming April and will continue during the war.

The granite manufacturers practically were forced to take this step as the war plants of Quincy have been holding out such great wage inducements that many granite workers have deserted for the more remunerative employment. The condition is not so serious now as it will be next spring, when the granite business opens, but the manufacturers feel that if they are going to have any help then it is necessary now to make the additional inducements to hold the men.

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## TEUTONS HOLD VIOLATION OF CONFERENCE "RULES OF ROAD"

German and Austrian Foreign Ministers and Gen. Ludendorff

### ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Are Said to Be the Matters to Be Deliberated On

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—A semi-official announcement from Berlin says that the German and Austro-Hungarian foreign minister and General Von Ludendorff, the German chief quartermaster, will arrive in Berlin to-day to participate in the deliberations on the political and economic questions affecting the common interests of the two countries.

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—A Berlin paper announces that a new strike movement began at Jena Saturday, about one-third of the workmen striking.

London, Feb. 4.—With the exception of the new movement at Jena, German papers appear virtually to have ended. German papers report no disturbances in Berlin Saturday.

### HARVARD BUILDING HOUSING AMMUNITION DESTROYED BY FIRE

Police Make Investigation of Fire in Dana Hall, But Firemen Lay Cause to a Furnace.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 4.—Dana hall, one of the oldest buildings of the quadrangle in the Harvard yard, was burned yesterday. Thirty thousand rounds of ammunition were removed by men of the naval radio and ensigns schools. Valuable records also were saved. Fire department officials thought the fire started from an overheated furnace, but the fact that ammunition was stored there led the police to begin an investigation.

### DRUGGISTS OFFER SERVICES.

Will Act as Merchant Marine Recruiting Agents—F. G. Russell in Barre.

Boston, Feb. 4.—Five hundred twenty-six New England druggists have volunteered for war duty as recruiting agents for the new merchant marine, and began their official labors this morning, according to a statement just issued by Henry Howard, director of recruiting for the U. S. shipping board, at national headquarters of that service, in the Boston customs house.

The 526 druggists are scattered all over the New England states, from Fort Kent, Me., to Greenwich, Conn., and from Swanton, Vt., to Nantucket. They volunteered through a central organization at Boston of which they are members. At a recent convention they held at Boston about 200 stood up in one group and took the oath of office as special representatives of the shipping board. Others have since been sworn in.

Each of the 526 druggists will conduct an enrolling station at his store, at which young Americans from 17 to 27 years of age, inexperienced in seagoing, must first be examined by a physician, and then their names, applications for training as sailors, firemen, oilers, water-tenders, cooks or stewards, on ships of a training squadron maintained by the shipping board, with headquarters at Boston, for preparing crews to serve on the new cargo fleets of the merchant marine.

The co-operation of the druggists with the shipping board was brought about through the initiative of Louis K. Liggett of Boston.

The shipping board's representative in Barre, Vt., section will be Floyd G. Russell, Barre.

### VERMONT REGIMENT GROWS.

Forty-Five Recruits Were Received Last Week.

The recruiting of the 1st Vermont regiment has gone along very well in Washington county. Capt. E. W. Gibson was at Montpelier two days last week and obtained 19 applications. Then Robert Foster took up the duties and, with the co-operation of the local board, he has obtained 24 in the week, making a total of 43 for the week. This week bids fair to do as well, for more publicity has been done, about 1,700 placards having been sent to the many towns in the state explaining the way the selective draft men in class 1 can volunteer.

The result of Saturday's effort was 10 recruits, who, it is now expected, will leave Montpelier next Saturday for Camp Greene along with others obtained during the last week. Those recruited Saturday are J. C. Gavan, A. R. Jackson, L. C. McLeod, C. F. Sullivan, C. I. L. Erickson, N. G. Tayetti, N. Dube, A. A. Warren, L. O. Davis and H. Trombly.

The prospects this morning, Mr. Foster said, were excellent for a large number to-day.

### BARNARD—LEWIS.

Pretty Home Wedding at 16 Nelson Street Saturday Evening.

A pretty home wedding took place Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Phoebe Jane Lewis, 16 Nelson street, when her daughter, Miss Belle, became the bride of Orville Grant Barnard of Boston. Rev. Bert J. Lehigh of the First Baptist church officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Earl M. Lewis, and the attendants were Miss Pinkie K. Lewis as bridesmaid and Bernard P. Lewis of Omaha, Neb., as best man. Miss Ruby Lewis rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The house was prettily and appropriately decorated with wedding bells and red, white and blue streamers. After the ceremony the company was served a buffet lunch in the dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard will make their home in Boston.

### ACCOUNTS AS EXECUTOR SETTLED.

In probate court to-day Mrs. Nellie L. Selina of Northfield settled her account as executrix of the estate of Phoebe H. Haywood, late of Northfield.

### FIRST MEETING IN BANKRUPT ESTATE.

The first meeting of the creditors of L. G. Derick, bankrupt, of Montpelier, was held this morning, and the bankruptcy was examined.

### ALLEGED DELINQUENT CHILD.

David Wasson of West Berlin, son of H. E. Wasson, was in juvenile court at Montpelier this afternoon. It being claimed that he was a delinquent child by reason of failure to attend school.

## INCOME TAX MAN IN BARRE.

Is Meeting the Eligible Taxpayers at City Assessors' Office.

Filing of income inventories before Deputy Barrette of the collector's office at Portsmouth, N. H., began in the assessors' quarters at city hall this morning, and during the day a considerable number of citizens applied to the deputy for blanks. Mr. Barrette arrived in the city last evening from northern Vermont, where he has been receiving inventories at Newport. He will remain in Barre until the end of the week. Single people who have incomes exceeding \$1,000, and married people with incomes in excess of \$2,000 do not need to be reminded that they should consult the deputy at once.

There are two classes of individuals who are affected by the new income revenue legislation. It should be borne in mind that the term individuals applies to taxpayers of both sexes, and the only choice in the matter lies between filing with the deputy collector at this temporary office in this city, or in forwarding an inventory to Collector Seth W. Jones in Portsmouth. There is a clause in the statute which provides, in the case of a married person, for an exemption of \$200 for every child under 18 years of age, but the minor's children's earnings must be reckoned with the parent's income, and even though there are several children upon whom exemptions may be based, every individual whose income is \$2,000 or more must file an inventory. The exemptions will be proven later. All incomes referred to in the blanks are net incomes.

Heavy penalties are provided for violations. The individual who fails to make returns on his income before the time limit expires may be fined not less than \$20, not more than \$1,000, and 50 per cent of the tax due. The penalty for making fraudulent return is, a fine not to exceed \$2,000, or not in excess of a year's imprisonment, and 100 per cent of the tax due. The revenue department requires all employers to file with the collector at Portsmouth a sworn statement testifying to all sums of money in excess of \$800 paid in the past year to employees.

To the same extent, bankers or other persons who may have knowledge of an income derived from rents, interest, etc., by an individual subject to income taxation are required to file their information with the collector at Portsmouth.

Under the provisions of the act, income taxes may not be paid until June 15, but the government appeals to the patriotism of every individual in an effort to have the taxes paid as soon as the inventories are filed. A discount is allowed for prompt payment, and among those who filed to-day a large majority settled at once.

## TWO MORE BRITISH RECRUITS.

Lieut. Chevalier and Sergt. Maguire to Continue Work in Barre.

Two more recruits have been added to the enlistments received by Lieut. P. Chevalier and Sergt. T. Maguire of the British war mission, which is making its headquarters at Hotel Barre for a few days. The additions to the honor roll are Michael Lafontaine of 103 Brook street and Alexander Smith of 8 Laurel street. The two are to leave to-morrow for Manchester, N. H., where a number of recruits from Barre were examined to-day. The officers have decided to extend their stay in Barre for a few days, as a number of British subjects are desirous of consulting with them. Out of the largely attended mass meeting in the opera house Friday evening, an unusual degree of interest in the mission of the officers has developed, and the inquiries received by them Saturday and Sunday were numerous.

Emphasis is continually placed on the alternative of being drafted in the American army or going home to fight under the British colors, and with the matter thus summed up a good many British subjects are thinking seriously of enlisting at once. The mission officers are anxious to bring the situation clearly before the French Canadian population of Barre, Barre Town and other nearby towns. It is possible that the lieutenant and his companion will make a trip to Granville, Webbsville and East Barre. To-day a number of men from Montpelier conferred with the officers. An enthusiastic audience in the Park and Bijou theatres listened to interesting four-minute talks by Lieut. Chevalier and Sergt. Maguire Saturday afternoon and evening.

Lieut. Chevalier calls attention to the fact that French Canadians joining now have the advantage of their own religion and officers of their own tongue. He has received word from Boston that there is quite a rush there to take advantage of the opportunity to enlist now and not wait for the draft. Boston and New York have more than doubled their enlistments in the last month. Men must be between the ages of 18 and 45.

The officers are going to Montpelier this afternoon to arrange for a meeting there Wednesday evening.

## DEATH OF SCHOOL BOY.

Frank Sullivan, Aged 12, Died of Peritonitis.

Frank Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sullivan of upper Granville, died at 6 o'clock Sunday night at the home of his grandfather, A. B. Cogswell, where Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan resided.

The boy, who had reached the age of 12 years and five months, came home from school last Monday noon feeling ill, and a severe case of peritonitis developed, which resulted in his death. He was in the sixth grade in school and was a fellow well liked by everybody.

The funeral will be held at the Cogswell home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Leroy J. Anderson of Burlington officiating. Burial will be in the Wilson cemetery.

## SUGAR ON SALE TUESDAY.

Alotment Will Allow One-half Pound to a Person.

Sugar will go on sale in Barre to-morrow morning under the card system of distribution, the same as last week; and the amount to be sold will be one-half pound for each person. There will be no need of rushing for the sugar because there will be enough for everybody under the allotment.

## CITY BUDGET IS \$304,149.39

Finance Committee recommends Only Essential Work

PROPOSE TO HOLD UP  
S. MAIN ST. BRIDGE

The Estimated Income for the Year Is Put at \$305,710.97

As to recommending anything in the way of permanent improvements for 1918, the aldermanic finance committee, in submitting the tag end of its annual report, indulges in none of the pipe dreams which have come to be a part and parcel of financial statements in former times. Arrangements have been made, the report says, for carrying on the work of the various departments in as efficient a manner as the funds will allow, but no provision is made for new undertakings. Instead, the committee says, "Great vigilance will have to be exerted by the next council from the beginning of the year to keep within all estimates, so that a balance may be left at the end of the year."

Years ago the finance committee, for the most part, were romancers, and along about now they used to weave wonderful stories of new bridges, more paving, better sidewalks, and now and then a motor truck for the fire department. But the contrast is sharply drawn this year by a committee of realists to whom bright vistas are mere figments of the imagination. They see nothing but the dull realities of rigid retrenchment and higher taxes in the offing. Somewhat reluctantly, as the report says, the committee has been obliged to recommend a tax rate of \$2.50. And at this point the authors of the report may be suspected of coating the bitter pill with saccharine camouflage for the report adds, "which, with the direct state tax of 20 cents additional, would make the total rate \$2.70; and then, 'unless there is an additional tax voted by the citizens.'"

That the additional tax will have to be voted is a matter of common knowledge, for it is altogether probable that the school system will require at least 10 cents additional on the dollar if the abnormal conditions are to be weathered. There was a deficit of \$4,000 last year in the school budget, and in their annual report for 1917 the school commissioners are unanimously committed to a program of salary increases in order that valuable teachers, much needed in the schools, may not be attracted to other cities by wages that are more in keeping with the H. C. of L.

The estimated income for 1918, as the report shows, is \$305,710.97, of which the sum of \$170,500 will be raised by taxation. This aggregated estimate includes \$25,000 to be realized from the sale of bonds, and the usual temporary loan of \$49,500, negotiated in anticipation of the 1918 tax income. The other large item is \$31,000 from the water department. The estimated expenses appear in a list appended.

Says the committee in prefacing its final figures: "In making the report for 1917 and estimates for 1918, your finance committee has been obliged to face the same problems that are being met by other municipalities at the present time, namely, largely increased state taxation, mostly on account of the war, and the high cost of materials and labor."

"We had to pay over \$13,000 to the state on a direct tax that we did not know of when our estimates were made last year, as the state had not levied it at that time; and we will have a tax of the same amount to pay this year."

"Realizing the conditions all citizens will have to face the coming year, we were in hopes to be able to keep the tax rate down to where it was last year; but it seems impossible to do so. We have somewhat reluctantly been obliged to recommend a tax rate of \$2.50 on the dollar, which, with the direct state tax of 20 cents additional, would make the total rate \$2.70, unless there is an additional tax voted by the citizens."

"We have made provision for the city paying its share of the cost of a county sanatorium for tuberculosis, which we understand is to be voted on by the voters of the county at the March meeting. We have made liberal provision to carry on the various departments of the city in as efficient manner as the funds at our disposal will allow."

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"We would like to have been in a position to erect a new bridge on South Main street, but in view of the present condition of the money market, and the city's finances, we do not recommend it."

"We respectfully refer the citizens to the reports of the various officers, committees and departments for the details of last year's work, and believe the same will meet with their approval."

## ESTIMATED INCOME, 1918.

Balance Jan. 1, 1918. \$6,270.00  
Taxation. 170,500.00  
Delinquent taxes. 1,000.00  
Bonds to be sold. 25,000.00  
Temporary loan. 49,500.00  
Street, sidewalk and sewer assessments. 4,000.00  
Street sprinkling assessments. 1,500.00  
Water department income. 31,000.00  
State highway, 1917. 1,000.00  
Resurfacing highways, 1917. 1,000.00  
Rents. 1,500.00  
Engineering. 1,200.00  
Fire department. 500.00  
Poor department. 700.00  
Police department. 300.00  
State highway tax, 1918. 3,000.00  
State highway aid, 1918. 1,000.00  
Resurfacing highways, 1918. 1,000.00  
Show licenses. 700.00  
Peddler and other licenses. 200.00  
Dog licenses. 600.00  
Cemetery trust funds. 3,000.00  
Interest. 1,000.00  
Miscellaneous. 1,000.00

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